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For A
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Thousands At Last Rites For Dr. Carver

CHURCH LEADERS CALL UPON PRESIDENT TO SUSPEND DISCRIMINATION IN JOBS, ON TRAINS

McNutt Stymies FEPC Hearings

By ALVIN E. WHITE

WASHINGTON.—(ANP)—The Most vicious set-back the Negro people of the United States have received in recent years came Saturday morning, when Paul V. McNutt, War Manpower commissioner, acting, it is said, upon instructions, ordered the President's Committee on Fair Employment Practices to cancel the scheduled hearings set for January 25-27 when the railroads of the south were to be called upon to explain their discriminatory practices against Negro firemen.

Funeral Proves An Impressive Occasion Friday

Glowing Tribute
Paid Life Of
Great Scientist

By ROBERT M. RATCLIFFE
(Staff Writer)

TUSKEGEE INSTITUTE, Alabama.—A boy who was traded for a race horse valued at \$300 some 70 years ago, yet overcame all barriers and obstacles to become one of the world's most valuable scientists and outstanding artists, was buried with fitting ceremonies here Friday afternoon near the tomb of the great Booker T. Washington.

There was nothing sad about the last rites held over the body of George Washington Carver. His funeral was as he had lived. It was a quiet and an inspiring occasion.

3,500 FILL CHAPEL

Close to 3,500 persons filled the spacious chapel to pay tribute to this noted genius who "used science to help people."

Some of his first students were

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Coates Reelected



J. H. Coates inimitable and dynamic general manager of Security Life Insurance Company was re-elected general manager of the company by unanimous vote of the board of directors who also gave him a vote of confidence.

Culminating a series of secret conferences, the order came as a bombshell to the members of the staff of the FEPC who had been working diligently compiling material to be used in the public hearings.

This had been looked forward to as the one great act the FEPC could perform, striking at organized labor which consistently has through certain railroad unions barred and eliminated Negroes from jobs they had long held.

PRESSURE BLAMED

Blame for the action, cannot be placed, but it is widely discussed that pressure from congress on the White House may have had a great deal to do with the calling off of the hearings, which would have undoubtedly shown deep roots of discriminatory practices against Negroes.

No one will assume the blame for giving the order, it is "one of those things" which will be accepted. Some say the complexion of the new congress and the uncertainty of legislation before that body caused misgivings as to holding the hearings at this time. Whoever is responsible is as guilty of a "stab" in the back as Italy and Japan only this time, it was not a stab by a foreign enemy, it was a stab by enemies from within.

CLIMAX OF SETBACKS

This cancellation is the culmination of a series of events stretching since the perille Birmingham hearings, in which the FEPC almost lost its pants emerging in a "barrel" as far as prestige and glory were concerned. Vacuous statements as to the great benefits accruing from this hearing have failed to materialize.

These hearings were held on June 18-20. Since that time, no public hearings have been held. One excuse or another leading up to the cancellation. In El Paso, Tex., where a public hearing was to have been held, the state department is said to have been the influence prohibiting these proceedings. They pointed to the Mexican situation as the reason. There has never been a clean cut explanation or statement as to why these hearings were never held.

When John P. Davis wrote the head of WMC relating to the holding of hearings on treatments accorded blind Negroes asking that a public hearing be ordered, he was informed that the committee itself was the one to make the hearings.

When the President wrote Walter White of the NAACP on the matter of transferring the FEPC back to an independent status, White was told the committee was placed under WMC to strengthen and to revitalize it, giving the group its

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Miss Anderson Gets Coveted Jewish Award



PHILADELPHIA, Pa.—Marian Anderson, noted Negro singer, receives the Brith Shalom Annual Citizens award for 1942 presented by Morris E. Levitt, chairman of the award committee.

Prejudiced Employers Aiding Hitler, CIO Committee Says

Victory Requires Full Effort Of
Every Person, Statement Asserts

WASHINGTON.—(S N S)—Exploring existence of discrimination against Negroes and other minorities in the American war effort, the Congress of Industrial Organizations issued a strong statement Saturday.

The statement came from the CIO's Committee on Racial Discrimination set up at the 5th convention held in Boston in November, 1942. The committee consisted of James B. Carey, chairman, and secretary-treasurer of the CIO; Willard S. Townsend, secretary, and president of the United Transport Service Employees; James J. Leary, secretary-treasurer of the International Union of Mine, Mill and Smelter Workers; Ferdinand Smith, secretary of the National Maritime Union, and Boyd L. Wilson, member of the executive board, United Steel Workers of America.

"The existence of discrimination against Negroes and other minorities is not only a continuing blot on American democracy, but even more seriously a drag on the mobilization of all our people needed to win the war against Axis slavery."

CRYING FOR MANPOWER

"Every war industry and plant in the country is crying for more manpower, desperately needed to keep the weapons of war rolling out to the offensive fighting fronts of our armed forces and our allies."

government the policy it has always held to in its own ranks—of absolute opposition to discrimination in any form, and of complete equality of opportunity for all.

"This policy has been made national in the Executive Order of the President No. 8820 and in the setting up of the Fair Employment Practices Committee. The CIO concurs fully in these steps,

J. Wheeler, Army Selectee, Killed By Constable Ward

CARSON, Miss.—Jonathan Wheeler, 32, Jefferson County selectee was shot and killed by constable Oliver Ward, at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Wheeler, with whom he lived here, on January 1st. Temporarily deferred a few weeks ago Wheeler had been notified by his Draft Board to be prepared for induction into the army during the month of January.

According to a written report of Mrs. Nona Wheeler the mother of slain prospective soldier, constable Oliver Ward came to her home at about 7:30 on the night of January 1st, rushed into the house calling her son Jonathan Wheeler, with a pistol in one hand and a flashlight in the other. As he called for her son without telling his business, with his pistol in his hand, he became frightened and broke out of the house running from fear not knowing Constable Ward's intention. As he ran out of the house the constable ran out behind him

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as it occurs in every move to promote national unity for winning the war.

JOB NOT COMPLETE

"At the same time, we must point out that the job of wiping out racial discrimination is far from complete, and at the present rate of progress will scarcely be completed in time to make full answer to the needs of all-out war, or to the needs of a people's peace."

"Too often mere lip-service is

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ALCORN PREXY ATTENDS M. C. COUNCIL EVENT

ALCORN A. and M. COLLEGE Miss.—On January 6 President William H. Bell attended the monthly meeting of the Mississippi Cooperative Council, of which he is executive secretary, at the North Parish Street Baptist Church, Jackson, Miss. On the following day he was present at the annual meeting of the stockholders and Board of Directors of the Security Life Insurance Company. He is chairman of the Board.

On January 13 President Bell attended the annual meeting of Executive Committee of the Interracial Committee in Jackson; and on January 14 he attended the Gulfside Interdenominational Conference, of which he is secretary, when it convened in New Orleans, La. On the same day he addressed the Louisiana Conference of the AME Church over which Bishop S. L. Greene presided.

Plan Institute For Urban-Rural Pastors Of Miss.

The Mississippi Cooperative Church Council, an organization to promote spiritual unity in denominational relations, held its regular monthly meeting Wednesday, January 6, at 2:00 p. m. North Parish Street Baptist church, Jackson, Miss. The Council has three field workers who work with rural ministers on all phases of their church program to the end of a larger service to the community.

Dates were set for two institutes for two rural ministers—Campbell College, Jackson, Miss., Jan. 25 to 30, and Alcorn A. and M. College, Alcorn, Miss., either May 3 to 8 or May 10 to 15. The program for these institutes, in addition to presenting outstanding church leaders, will emphasize: (1) Bible Study; (2) Sermon Building; (3) Problems of the Rural Church; (4) Home and Land Ownership; (5) Rural Youth and the Rural Church; (6) Home and Family Improvement; (7) Health Education.

A resolution passed to petition the Mississippi Council on Interracial Cooperation to contact the leaders of the white denominations and try to get them to become vocal on the problem of race relations, especially in these troubled days.

The officers of the Mississippi Cooperative Church Council are: Bishop S. L. Greene, President; Reverend A. A. Cooley, Vice President; Reverend W. H. Blackman, Vice President; President J. L. Reddix, Treasurer; Reverend N. H. Jeltz, Chaplain; Reverend R. A. Scott, Chairman, Executive Committee; Reverend W. A. Bender, Assistant Secretary; and President Wm H. Bell, Executive Secretary.

Dies From Stab Wound Of Friend

Mrs. Gussie Thomas, young married woman, the wife of Eubie Thomas, with whom she lived at the corner of Moorehouse and Dalton Street in Washington Addition was killed in a fight with her friend and companion, Miss Bessie Williams, of Redmond Street, in front of Coopers Cafe at the corner of Lynch and Rose Street shortly after mid-night Saturday night.

According to reports, the two women who entered the cafe together, were seated at a table drinking beer when they became involved in an argument, during

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Pike County Man Pays Death Penalty

MCCOMB, Miss.—Sam Porter died in the State's portable electric chair in the Pike county courthouse at Magnolia a few minutes after state executioner Jimmie Thompson pulled the switch shortly after mid-night Thursday night.

Porter was convicted and sentenced to die for the murder of Harvey Hartzog, another Negro who was killed with his own knife when Porter took his knife away from him and cut his throat, while in a fight with Hartzog, and another man last August 9th.

Attended by a Baptist minister the condemned man's last words were advice to young people to stay away from bad company.

MAYOR SCOTT, HIGH ARMY OFFICIALS PARTICIPATE IN JOINT DEDICATION

Mayor Walter A. Scott, high Army and Marine officers, and prominent citizens participated in the joint ceremony dedicating the USO Lounge, located in the depot of the I. C. Railroad for the use of transient Negro service men at 3 p. m., Sunday evening.

The Lounge located in the east wing of the depot is well appointed and beautifully decorated including a fine rug donated by Mr. I. Lehman, member of the USO committee and owner of the Jackson Steam Laundry. The room further beautified by baskets of lovely cut flowers which will be furnished continually by the White Garden Club of the city.

The Lounge will be operated by a group of women who have volunteered to serve as hostesses. In his remarks the Mayor said that it was the aim of the city authorities to provide the same facilities for Negro service men as for white, pointing to the renovating of the YMCA building on North Parish Street as a permanent USO club where \$800.00 is being spent for repairing and remodeling, with an additional \$2500 to put the building would be ready for occupancy expressed the hope that the building would be ready for occupancy within the next four or five weeks.

Other prominent citizens and officers attending the dedication were Mr. J. Walter Michael, who

was Master of Ceremony; Mr. I. Lehman, the commanding officer and Chaplain of the Jackson Air Base; the Commanding Officer of the Marine Recruiting and Mr. J. L. Zwinger, Regional USO director.

Prof. S. W. Miller, widely known civic and religious leader, made the acceptance speech on behalf of Negro citizens and service men. Remarks were also made by Mr. George L. Edwards, director of the USO with the opening by Rev. W. H. Blackburn, pastor of the Pratt Memorial Methodist Church.

The Ceremony was attended by an overflowing crowd of white and Negro citizens and men in uniform.

OFFICER HEADS HONOR LIST

NEW YORK.—(ANP)—Detective Sidney S. Cusberly of the West 123rd street police station here topped New York's 1942 Police department list for awards presented him for bravery and excellent work in the line of duty, with a total of 22 honor granted him during 14 years he has served with the force, it was announced last week by the department.

Killed In Action



Alfred Delano Henderson, son of Mrs. Harentha Henderson, of Raymond, Mississippi, who was killed in action on the Battleship South Dakota, in the South Pacific in Mid-November. Letters to Mrs. Henderson from Capt. T. L. Catch the ship commander and Chaplain James V. Claypool, praised the youth for his excellent character, and high devotion to duty during the engagement in which he lost his life in the Service of his Country.

Security Life Insurance Company Elects Officers

Headed by Dr. L. T. Burbridge President, Wm. H. Bell, chairman of directors board, Walter H. Williams vice-president and secretary, the stockholders, directors, executive committeemen met Jan. 7, in Jackson, Miss., in annual stockholders meeting.

The president delivered the keynote address, which kept the audience "spell bound" from the beginning to the end.

Dr. Burbridge paraphrasing the eminent statesman and silver-tongued orator Prime minister Winston Churchill of Britain, warned against too much optimism over the progress Security made in 1942 and said a hard year was ahead of us. Like armed warriors, like plumed knights, we must answer the ominous challenge.

This is not the "beginning of the end," he shouted but simply, "the end of the beginning." The stockholders literally lifted the roof of the Security Life Home building with applause.

The president lavished great praise on the cashier, Mrs. Mary Smith and J. H. Coates the marvelous general manager.

W. H. "Duke" Williams, secretary of the company made a fine report including the company's "annual statement." He showed the income for 11 months in 1942 to be over thirty thousand dollars, which brought a round of applause from the stockholders and directors.

Mr. J. H. Coates, general manager made reports which were so great that it called forth a spontaneous unanimous vote of confidence in Mr. Coates by the board of directors. The motion was made by the treasurer Dr. A. H. McCoy

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Buys First Bond



Mrs. Ethel Williams, of Prosperity Street, the wife of McCain Williams who is now in the Army, who bought the first bond from the Peoples Undertaking Co., in the recent Autograph-Bomber Campaign here.